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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re application of:

HENDRIK-JAN HOUTHOFF et al.

Application No.: 10/739,457

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For: A METHOD FOR IDENTIFYING  
A MYCOBACTERIUM SPECIES

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AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed May 24, 2006, please consider the following remarks:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 5 of this paper.

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